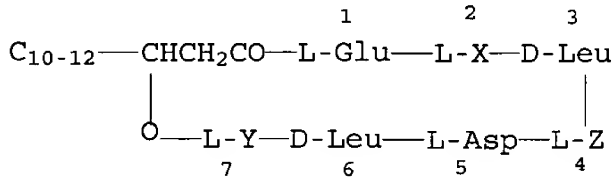
Please replace claims 1, 2 and 18 with the following amended claims.

1. (Four Times Amended) A method of rendering a purified product isolated from blood or a biotechnologically produced product substantially free of lipid-enveloped viruses by reducing the viral titer by a factor of approximately $>10^4$, which comprises

contacting said product with a cyclic lipoheptapeptide of the following formula (I)



(I)

a salt, ester or mixture thereof,

wherein in the formula (I), X and Y each independently represent the amino acids Leu, Ile or Val, Z represents the amino acids Val or Ala, and C_{10-12} represents a linear or branched, saturated alkyl group,

wherein said product is contacted with said cyclic lipoheptapeptide at room temperature for 30 minutes up to 2 hours, and

wherein said cyclic lipoheptapeptide is added to said product at a concentration of 1-100 μM.

2. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said product is contacted at temperatures higher than room temperature, within a period of 5-30 min.

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18. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the biotechnologically produced product product is selected from the group consisting of vaccines, monoclonal antibodies, hormones and recombinant proteins.

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